

**From:** Barbara Stepan  
**To:** 'microsoft.atr(a)usdoj.gov'  
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**Subject:** Microsoft Settlement

Dear Sirs,

I do not think that there should be any more delay in the Microsoft Settlement. I do not think Microsoft should be punished to the point of inhibiting their freedom to inovate and give us good products at lower prices. They have always kept prices down and had the best products which is good for the public. I do not support those special interest companies that want to take away competition for their gain only. The public doesn't gain by that. We have a choice in what we buy and we choose Microsoft. Millions of stock holders choose Microsoft to help them survive in their retirement and old age. We can depend on them. The public doesn't need protection from Microsoft.

We need protection from phone and cable companies where we do not have a choice! We are subject to price gouging, poor service and telemarketers who don't give their numbers so we can call back and ask them to take our name off their list if we are not interested. That is only fair. They even pester us with computer calls and no one is there when you answer. We have to pay for them to use our phone service under unfair advantage. How popular a congressman would be if he would stop this unfair practice. Every one hates the constant interruption of these unknown telemarketers. Give us an equal advantage since we pay the phone bill, make them give their name and phone numbers. It should be against the law to call us if we have already called them and asked to be taken off their calling list.

Thank you.

Best Regards,

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